apprised of the fact and intimated to pay the Abstract Contingent Bills up to a specified date. Whenever the Drawing Officers fail to send either the Detailed Contingent Bills or an intimation of the anticipated delay in the despatch of these bills, the Accountant General, Mysore, has been authorised to stop further payment of the Abstract Contingent Bills till Detailed Contingent Bills are received in the Audit Office.

Since it is brought to notice by the Accountant General, Mysore, that in a number of cases Detailed Contingent Bills are neither received in time nor are the Drawing Officers intimating to the Audit Office the anticipated delay in the despatch of these bills, the Audit Office would be well within their powers to instruct the Treasuries to stop the payment of further Abstract Contingent Bills of the offices which have failed to send Detailed Contingent Bills in time until Detailed Contingent Bills are received in the Audit Office [*vide* paragraph 4 below Article 220 (*b*) Mysore Financial Code, Volume I]. There will be no alternative except to invoke this power if notwithstanding these instructions the officers concerned fail to forward Detailed Contingent Bills to audit within the prescribed time-limit. Government would also be constrained to take serious notice of persistent disregard of the provisions in the Financial Code in this behalf. It is hoped that all Drawing and Countersigning Officers will realise their responsibility for the punctual despatch of the Detailed Contingent Bills to audit and see that no delay occurs in this behalf in future.

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Issues instructions in regard to the grant of Refused Leave to Government servants after the dates of their superannuation.

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM.

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As per Article 154(a), Mysore Services Regulations, "all leave at the credit of a Government servant shall lapse on the date on which he attains the date of superannuation provided that if in sufficient time before that date he has,

(1) formally applied for leave and been refused it, or (2) ascertained in writing from the sanctioning authority that leave, if applied for, would not be granted, in either case the ground of refusal being the requirements of the public service, then the Government servant may be granted, after the date of retirement, the amount of leave so refused subject to a maximum of six months."

In regard to refusal of leave to Government servants nearing the age of superannuation the criterion for the refusal of leave shall be the paramount claim of public service. Heads of Departments should therefore exercise this power only in rare and exceptional cases, subject however to ratification by Government in each case. Without such specific sanction of Government refused leave should not be granted as a matter of course to officers from the date of superannuation.

As per the note under the Article however, Heads of Departments and Deputy Commissioners may grant leave (either refused before superannuation or earned during the period of extension) up to two months in the aggregate to non-gazetted Government servants without reference to Government, during an extension of service.

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